New Jersey

(Dollars in Thousands)

	2012	5%	Revised
New Jersey	Total*	Sequester	Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	40,357	-1,964	38,393

^{*} The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in New Jersey totaled about \$40.4 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$2.0 million. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior assets in the State of New Jersey attracted over 6.3 million visitors, created over 570 jobs, and generated \$47 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in New Jersey stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$81 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities.
 - \$658 thousand from Fish and Wildlife Service sites.
 - \$792 thousand from National Park Service sites.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to New Jersey would drop by about \$600 thousand.

	Estimate		Revised Total
Interior Grants and Payments	Total	Sequester	
Historic Preservation Fund	925	-46	879
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	1,124	-56	1,068
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	102	-5	97
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	9,249	-472	8,777
State and Wildlife Grants	479	-24	455
Total, New Jersey	11,879	-603	11,276

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.